

referred to, according to the number of pupils registered in that part of each included in the Independent District, and each of his three vouchers shall be payable only at the treasurer's office in the county where the money is due.

Blanks and registers furnished committeemen.

Money apportioned to district.

No money paid out except for teaching.

Duties not provided for governed by general law.

SEC. 5. The county superintendent of each county shall serve his committeeman in the Independent District with blanks and register, the same as he serves ordinary committees of three ; and in like manner the board of education shall notify him of the amount of money apportioned his district.

SEC. 6. No money due said district shall be paid out by any treasurer, except upon vouchers for teaching.

SEC. 7. In the discharge of all duties, not provided for in this act, the teachers and committeemen, in the Independent District, shall comply with the terms of the school law.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 9th day of March, A. D. 1897.

CHAPTER 388.

An act to keep the Catawba river open as a highway for floatage.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been held by the Supreme Court of North Carolina that certain portions of the Catawba river and Johns river are floatable streams and navigable highways for the purpose of floatage, in which the public have rights paramount to those of the riparian proprietors ; and,

WHEREAS, it is the right and duty of the counties through which highways pass, or of which they constitute the boundaries, to provide for keeping them in proper condition to be used by the public ; now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Board of managers.

Duty.

SECTION 1. That the three chairmen of the boards of county commissioners of Burke, Caldwell and McDowell counties, together with John Cassels of Burke and Albert Corpening of Caldwell county, be and they are hereby constituted a board of managers, whose duty it shall be to provide for removing drift wood (that may gather at the shoals on said streams when the water is low, so as to obstruct fords used for public and private crossings or pond back the water) at any point on the Catawba river between the mouth of the South fork in McDowell county and the intersection of the lines of Burke and Catawba